

GD11/ PROFESSOR ROBERT WILLIAM JOHNSTONE

Introduction

1 Speeches, Correspondence and Miscellaneous Papers, 1883-1957

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Born in 1879, Johnstone began working at the Edinburgh Royal Maternity Hospital in 1920. In 1922 he became assistant gynaecologist at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. He held the Chair of Midwifery at Edinburgh University from 1926-1946, and was President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh from 1943-1945. Johnstone was author of a standard textbook on Midwifery. He was closely involved with the planning and building of the Simpson Memorial Maternity Hospital, and he subsequently became the first Chairman of the Board of Management of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Associated Hospitals. He died in 1969.

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Professor Johnstone was Professor of Midwifery and Gynaecology at the University of Edinburgh. He was one of the three obstetricians in charge at the Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion until he retired in 1946.

1 General Correspondence, Notes, etc, 1927-1954

- 1 M Graham, Royal College of Physicians to Johnstone answering queries about Edinburgh's Chair of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children; and about publications by various obstetricians, 21 Jun 1927.
- 2 W Croft Dickinson, Edinburgh to Johnstone answering his query about population statistics for 18th century Edinburgh and Scotland, 27 Jun 1945.
- 3 B M Hobson, Pregnancy Diagnosis Laboratory to Johnstone giving information about pregnancy testing since the inception of the laboratory in 1929, 13 Nov 1953.
- 4 Photostat (white on black) of Professor Meig's Introductory Lecture delivered in Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, on 18 Oct 1848.
- 5 Notes on John Hutton Balfour, d 11 Feb 1884; his son, Isaac; and Alexander Dickson, d 30 Dec 1887.
- 6 Envelope addressed to Johnstone.
- 7 Part of text or notes on text about Uterine Inertia by Johnstone, 1954.

2 Speeches, presumably by Johnstone, 1913-1938

- 1 Introduction to a Discussion on Eugenics at the Phagocytes' Club, 10 May 1913.
- 2 Address to National Children Adoption Association, made when moving adoption of Report, 27 Nov 1934.
- 3 Speech made at Congress of Obstetrics, held in Belfast in 1936.
- 4 Toast of "The Aesculapian", with letter and note of guests attached; the letter being from W Johnstone Stuart, Edinburgh to Johnstone, 8 Jun 1938.
- 5 "Midwifery to Come, or, Father takes a Bow", farce in five scenes.

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3 Records of Meetings of the G V S, 1935-1946

These three 'Records' are obviously, from the Pagination, part of a much larger compilation.

- 1 pp 476–487: 'Fortieth Record', 40th meeting of G V S, 1935.
- 2 pp 489–505: 'Forty First Record', 25th meeting of G V S, 1936.
- 3 pp 567–581: Obituary of John Davis Barris d 1946, and 'Fifty Seventh Record', 1946.

[Note: It seems likely that the 40th meeting is wrongly described, and that it was in fact the 24th meeting]

4 Speeches, 1939-1947

- 1 Speech for the Simpson Memorial Dinner, [Mar 1939].
- 2 Reply on behalf of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh to the Southern Society of Clinical Surgeons, n.d.
- 3 Speech of welcome to new Diplomats on behalf of the Royal College of Surgeons, n.d.
- 4 Speech in reply to toast of Obstetrical Society of Edinburgh at 11th British Congress, Apr 1939.
- 5 Speech given at dinner in honour of James Young, who is leaving to take a Chair in London, n.d.
- 6 Toast of 'The Ladies' at he Burns Supper of the University Union, 25 Jan 1940.
- 7 Speech given at meeting of Scottish Association of Midwives, Edinburgh, 27 Apr 1946.
- 8 Speech given at 'Complimentary Dinner for my colleagues and House Surgeons', 26 Jul 1946.
- 9 Toast to the Aesculapian Club, 14 Dec 1946, with a grace and a note on the foundation of the Club attached.
- 10 Reply to toast of the Edinburgh Medical School at Dinner of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 14 Mar 1947.

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5 Speeches, 1948–1953

- 1 'The Immortal Memory', Harveian Festival, 21 May 1948.
- 2 'William Harvey – "The Father of British Midwifery"'; the 'Oration' delivered by Johnstone to the Edinburgh Harveian Society, 21 May 1948.
- 3 'The Three Royal Infirmaries of Edinburgh', by Johnstone.
- 4 Toast to the guests of honour at Valedictory Dinner to the three University Members of Parliament, 18 Jan 1950.
- 5 Draft notes for talk to the Edinburgh University Club of Glasgow, Feb 1950.
- 6 Reply to toast to him when he was guest of honour of the Royal Medical Society at President's Dinner, 16 Nov 1950.
- 7 Proposal that the Duchess of Edinburgh be made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London, 17 Jul 1951.
- 8 Centenary of Hall of Royal Medical Society, 21 Nov 1952.
- 9 Talk on the origins of some of the Medical Institutions in Edinburgh, n.d.
- 10 Another copy of above docketed "Read to the 'Good Companions' 12 Jan 1953", with slight additions and variations inserted.
- 11 List of slides illustrating the paper on the origins of the Royal Infirmary, Maternity Hospital and Sick Children's Hospital.
- 12 Notes for toast to guests of Aesculapian Club, 13 Jun 1953.
- 13 Notes for toast to the Aesculapian Club, 13 Jun 1953.

6 Speeches, 1954

- 1 'Recollections of Auckland Campbell Geddes', docketed 'for the Lancet', 16 Jan 1954.
- 2 Talk on Campbell Geddes, docketed 'for Royal Society of Edinburgh', [1954]
- 3 'Midwifery', [1954]
- 4 'Faculty of Medicine', n.d.
- 5 'Intermezzo': opening address given at Congress, n.d.

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7 Johnstone's Work on Medical History, 1944-1957, n.d.

- 1 Address to midwife-teachers at the SMMP and to Canadian Medical Officers on the history of the Edinburgh Medical School, 1944.
- 2 Review of James Gray's 'History of the Royal Medical Society, 1737-1937', 1952.
- 3 Draft text of a William Hunter Memorial Lecture, given to the Glasgow Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society, on the life and work of William Cullen.
- 4-5 Typescript version of above, intended for publication.
- 6 Notes taken from the Encyclopaedia Britannica on William Cullen, n.d.
- 7 Notes taken from the autobiography of Alexander Carlyle on Scottish Medical Men, n.d.

8 Papers Concerning Publication of Johnstone's "William Smellie: The Master of British Midwifery", 1951-1952

- 1 Copy Memorandum of Agreement between Johnstone and Messrs E & S Livingstone Ltd, publishers, regarding above work, 1951.
- 2 Letter and Statement of Production Costs from Messrs Livingstone, 26 May 1952.
- 3 Press cutting of review of the book, n.d.
- 4 Ms notes by Miles Phillips on the draft text, n.d.

9 Letters from Friends and Colleagues on Receipt of Copies of the book "William Smellie...", 1952-1953

- 1 Professor R Johnstone Kellar, University of Edinburgh, 24 Apr 1952.
- 2 Miles Phillips, Carmarthen, 25 Apr 1952.
- 3 Letter from Selsey, Sussex, 25 Apr 1952.
- 4 Mrs Phillips, Carmarthen, 26 Apr 1952.
- 5 Miles Phillips, 28 Apr 1952.
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6 L Sharp, Edinburgh University Library, 1 May 1952.

7 C H G Macafee, University of Belfast, 4 May 1952.

8 James (?), Lewes, Sussex, 5 May 1952.

9 Margaret Fairlie, Dundee, 9 May 1952.

10 Dr R Traquair, Dundee, 9 May 1952.

11 (?), Selsey, Sussex, 15 May 1952.

12 Sir Eardley Holland, London, 19 May 1952.

13 Haldane Tait, Edinburgh, 21 May 1952.

14 V B Green-Armytage, London, 11 Jun 1952.

15 W Fletcher Shaw, Manchester, 30 Jun 1952.

16 Professor C Gordon Lennon, University of Bristol, 22 Jul 1952.

17 (?), Canterbury, 11 Aug 1952.

18 Chasson Moir, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, 16 Feb 1953.

10 Correspondence regarding Johnstone's lecture and article on William Cullen, 1957.

11 Miscellaneous, 1883, 1938-1945

1 'History of the Chair of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Edinburgh', article by Professor Alexander Russell Simpson, 1882; reprint of 1883.

2 Certificate of Johnstone's honorary membership of the Manchester Medical Society, 4 May 1938.

3 Timetable of 'A Short Course...for Members of the United States and Dominion Armed Forces', on current clinical practice, arranged by the Faculty of Medicine, Edinburgh University, and the British Council, Jul 1945.

12 Johnstone's Diary of a tour of hospitals in USA and Canada, Sep-Oct 1929.